

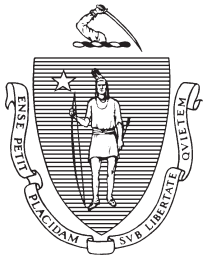
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Dear Fire Service Colleague:

The mission of your Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is, in part, to "provide...comprehensive fire and emergency services training, education and certification..." We accomplish this through a cadre of over 300 dedicated instructors supported by 12 full time staff. This catalog contains information on the training and certification opportunities available to you for the spring of 2008.

Traditionally our training programs have been conducted both at our Stow campus and sites across the Commonwealth. This semester you will notice a significantly larger number of programs are being offered at off campus sites as we begin the expansion of our Stow facility. This expansion, expected completion in 2010, will provide the MFA with additional state of the art classrooms and presentation space along with an expanded fire station and equipment storage area.

For fiscal year 2008, we will be modifying the way in which we schedule our programs to a more regional approach to placing classes. Although we have not finalized all the details, departments are encouraged to submit training requests for next year to our scheduler, Mary Shutts at 978-567-3205 or via email at mary.shutts@state.ma.us. These requests will be evaluated and programs assigned in late spring.

The academy will transact a municipal hire contract with a community that desires to purchase additional training courses on specific subjects for delivery to the members of the sponsoring department.

During a municipal hire program, the academy provides instructors, audio-visual software and handout materials. The sponsoring department provides student selection/registration, a classroom, training areas and audio-visual hardware. Class size is limited by the academy to provide proper instructor to student ratio. Further information on contracting a municipal hire program is available by contacting Kathleen D'Amelio at 978-567-3226 or Kathleen.D'Amelio@state.ma.us for a quote.

As a final note, I would encourage you to visit our website at www.mass.gov/dfs on a regular basis for information on our courses and exams as well as other things available through the Department of Fire Services. For last minute program information including course vacancies and unique training opportunities, join our training listserv by emailing join_dfs_training@listserv.state.ma.us.

Very truly yours,

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Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

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Introduction

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy presents our Spring 2008 Course Schedule and certification information. Our format provides you with a course description and all the pertinent information needed to register for courses throughout the Commonwealth.

Pre-registration is required for a number of important reasons. Because of limitations of either the facility itself or the materials being presented, most programs have size restrictions and this can only be controlled if students pre-register. Students must pre-register. It is possible that a program may have to be changed or canceled and without pre-registration, that information will be unavailable to students.

Application procedures vary with the different programs. Each section of the catalog has specific application requirements listed, along with the course or program descriptions. Applicants should read these requirements carefully and follow the procedures listed.

The Department of Fire Services' Massachusetts Firefighting Academy student application forms are available at the Department of Fire Services' Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, local municipal fire departments, or they may be downloaded from the Department of Fire Services' Massachusetts Firefighting Academy website at: <http://www.mass.gov/dfs>

For your convenience, you may also use the on-line

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registration form. Please visit the website at: <http://www.mass.gov/dfs/mfa> for an up-to-date list of program offerings and the registration form. (Note: Please be sure to add our email address Mfa.Registration@state.ma.us to your address book so it is recognized email and is not considered spam or junk email).

Completed applications must be sent to:

Registrar
Massachusetts Firefighting Academy
P.O. Box 1025, State Road
Stow, MA 01775-1025

OR

Fax 978-567-3229

For up-to-date additional information on courses please call: 978-567-3200

OR

Severe Weather Cancellation Line:
978-567-3248 ♦

Firefighting Skills Training Programs

Coordinator, Chuck Lambert 978-567-3216

Assistant Coordinator, Ron Downing 978-567-3216

Coordinator, District Delivery, Robert Haskell 978-567-3225

Assistant Coordinator, Jim Potts 978-567-3216

BASIC FIRE ATTACK - MOBILE TRAINING UNIT

The Mobile Training Unit is a transportable live fire training prop that can be delivered to fire departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for live fire training purposes. The Mobile Training Unit (MTU) uses propane gas as fuel instead of ordinary class "A" combustibles. The MTU contains seven individual removable props that can be set up individually or simultaneously. Training will consist of one 7-hour day

beginning at 0800 and ending at 1600. The program will follow NFPA 1403 guidelines including a 30-minute student orientation at the beginning. Each class will be limited to 18 students and will be conducted by Massachusetts Firefighting Academy burn qualified instructors. This program is intended for entry-level firefighters and may be used as a prerequisite for attending the more advanced Structural Firefighting Practices class.

Prerequisites: None. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks before the start of class.

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

Class Hours: 7

OEMS Credits: 7

Course Number:
200-169-297 Session C

Date/Time:

Mar. 8, 2008
0800-1600

Location:

Sunderland Fire Dept.
105 River Road
Sunderland, MA

Course Number:
200-169-297 Session B

Date/Time:

Apr. 26, 2008
0800-1600

Location:

Hubbardston Fire Dept. Station 2
48 Gardner Road
Hubbardston, MA

Course Number:
200-169-297 Session A

Date/Time:

May 3, 2008
0800-1600

Location:

Pepperell Fire Dept.
59 Main Street
Pepperell, MA

AERIAL LADDERS

This program will provide students with the introductory working knowledge necessary to become a competent aerial apparatus operator. Day one of the course is a classroom exposure to concepts and theories of aerial operations, and day two of the program utilizes both Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and local department aerial apparatus in practical hands-on application of classroom lessons. Classroom topics include safe driving, types of apparatus, positioning, stabilization and tactics. NOTE: This course alone will not produce expert aerial apparatus operators. The course does not address specific manufacturers' models of apparatus and operating procedures for them. Students must apply the basic learning from this course with continued hands-on practical applications with apparatus in their departments to build and maintain proficiency in aerial apparatus operations. Host departments may be required to provide aerial apparatus in

combination with academy vehicles for deliveries of this program. Additionally, the host department will be required to produce a current aerial ladder inspection and testing report, in accordance with NFPA standards, for each aerial apparatus to be used in the course.

Prerequisite: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: None

Course Number:
200-019-101 Session A

Date/Time:

Apr. 5 & 6, 2008
0900-1600

Location:

Wareham Fire Dept. Station 2
2368 Cranberry Highway
Wareham, MA

DRIVER AWARENESS FOR THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATOR

This program is designed to heighten an emergency vehicle operator's level of professionalism when it comes to driving emergency vehicles. This program focuses on the attitude that a person should possess as a driver. The program will look into the standards governing emergency vehicle operators and their fire departments. Discussion on the importance of "getting ready to drive", understanding the rules of the road, and the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 89 and 90 governing emergency apparatus. It will also review techniques used to maintain basic control of the vehicle, emergencies and emergency awareness, and finally, the apparatus braking system. This is a fast-paced program that has something of interest for anyone who drives emergency vehicles.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:

Complete the DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 6

OEMS Credits: 6

Course Number:

200-019-125 Session A

Date/Time:

Feb. 13, 2008
0900-1600

Location:

Methuen Fire Dept.
24 Lowell Street
Methuen, MA

FLASHOVER RECOGNITION

This one-day program utilizes both classroom theory and a training prop designed by Swede Survival Systems. Classroom discussion is devoted to flashover recognition and fire behavior. The practical portion involves the specially designed flashover simulator. Evolutions are conducted in a controlled environment that simulates pre-flashover conditions. Due to safety concerns, student enrollment in this program is limited to twenty-four. This is an advanced program, and it is recommended that students have live fire training prior to attending this program.

Prerequisites: This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing.

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

Class Hours: 6

OEMS Credits: 6

Course Number:

200-019-291 Session A

Date/Time:

Apr. 6, 2008
0900-1600

Location:

Sunderland Fire Dept.
105 River Road
Sunderland, MA

FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL SKILLS: SAVING OURSELVES

This program is designed to provide the firefighter with skills to effectively self-rescue during adverse emergency conditions that may occur on the fireground. Areas covered include emergency use of SCBA, self-control and discipline in a maze environment, exiting a building using a charged hose line, and proper methods for declaring a Mayday if necessary. It also teaches the firefighter how to escape a hostile environment by breaching a wall, escaping out a window head first onto a ladder, and escaping out a window or opening using a personal rescue rope. This is an advanced program and is therefore recommended that the firefighter have previous training in SCBA.

Prerequisites: None. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to the start of course.

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: 12

Course Number:

200-019-616 Session A

Date/Time:

Feb. 21, 28 & Mar. 1, 2008
1800-2200

Location:

Sherborn Fire Dept.
22 North Main Street
Sherborn, MA

Emergency Medical Services Programs

Coordinator, Donna Romano
978-567-3208

REHABILITATION ON THE FIREGROUND - INTERMEDIATE

This four-hour classroom program is designed to introduce the principles of firefighter rehabilitation, dealing with hot and cold environments and taking steps to prevent fireground casualties.

Prerequisite: None

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 4

OEMS Credits: None

Course Number:

200-349-464 Session A

Date/Time:

Feb. 4, 2008
1800-2200

Location:

Northbridge Fire Dept.
193 Main Street
Northbridge, MA

Course Number:

200-019-616 Session B

Date/Time:

Apr. 16 & 18, 2008
0900-1600

Location:

Westfield Fire Dept.
34 Broad Street
Westfield, MA

LARGE DIAMETER HOSE

This course contains a variety of scenarios to be used in teaching proper use of large diameter hose. These evolutions are only suggestions and the instructor may vary them based upon the needs of the class or sponsoring department. This course will provide the student with an understanding of the hydraulic characteristics of water and actual practical experiences using a large diameter hose and its accessories.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:

Complete the DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: None

Course Number:
200-019-112 Session A

Date/Time:
Apr. 12 & 13, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Granby Fire Dept.
250 State Street
Granby, MA

PUMPS AND HYDRAULICS

This program is designed to introduce firefighting personnel to the operating principles of fire department pumps. In both classroom sessions and practical evolutions, students will become familiar with the operation of booster and Class "A" pumps of single and multiple stage designs, including all operational controls and information systems. Practical sessions will be conducted utilizing state-of-the-art apparatus.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:

Complete the DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: None

Course Number:
200-019-102 Session D

Date/Time:
Apr. 15 & 17, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Chelsea Fire Dept.
307 Chestnut Street
Chelsea, MA

Course Number:
200-019-102 Session C

Date/Time:
May 3 & 4, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Templeton Fire Dept.
2 School Street
Baldwinville, MA

Course Number:
200-019-102 Session B

Date/Time:
May 31 & Jun. 1, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Wareham Fire Dept. Station 2
2368 Cranberry Highway
Wareham, MA

Course Number:
200-019-102 Session F

Date/Time:
Jun. 3 & 5, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Chicopee Public Library
449 Front Street
Chicopee, MA

PROTECTIVE BREATHING SEARCH & RESCUE (4500)

This two-day program addresses all aspects of protective breathing, including the necessity for protective breathing apparatus, general safety precautions, various types of units, basic maintenance, donning and packing procedures, as well as aspects of search and rescue procedures.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:

Complete the DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: 12

Course Number:
200-019-117 Session A

Date/Time:
Mar. 8 & 9, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Sturbridge Fire Dept.
346 Main Street
Sturbridge, MA

Course Number:
200-019-117 Session B

Date/Time:
Mar. 15 & 16, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Hopedale Fire Dept.
40 Dutcher Street
Hopedale, MA



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RAPID INTERVENTION

This two-day program is designed to assist the firefighter in understanding and implementing rapid intervention. It covers such topics as the theory of Rapid Intervention Crews and practical applications aimed at removing a firefighter from a hostile environment. It covers such techniques as large area search, SCBA harness conversion and change out, one and two person drags, firefighter removal up or down a staircase, and firefighter removal out a window utilizing various body ramps and ladder rescues.

Prerequisites: None. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to the course.

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: 12

Course Number:
200-019-256 Session A

Date/Time:
Mar. 29 & 30, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Wenham Fire Dept.
140 Main Street
Wenham, MA

RURAL WATER SUPPLY

This two-day course presents operational and logistical procedures for developing tanker shuttle operations. Skills in tanker shuttle operations will be developed including fill operations, off loading, and traffic control.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: None

Course Number:
200-019-115 Session A

Date/Time:
May 17 & 18, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
East Brookfield Fire Dept.
273 East Main Street
East Brookfield, MA

Course Number:
200-019-115 Session B

Date/Time:
Jun. 7 & 8, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Hubbardston Fire Dept. Station 1
36 Main Street
Hubbardston, MA

STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PRACTICES

This course is designed to provide firefighters will hands-on practice in basic live firefighting skills. Utilizing a specially built live fire training structure, the firefighter will perform both direct and indirect methods of attack.

Nozzle theory will be discussed and demonstrated and the student will be introduced to methods of hose handling as well. Fireground safety procedures are detailed and followed throughout the session. Students are required to bring a full set of NFPA Standard compliant protective clothing to the session.

Prerequisites: All students who attend this program must have previously completed minimum training as required by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Live Burn Policy. Verification of such training must be furnished by one of the following:

- Completion certificate from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Firefighter I Training Program.
- Completion certificate from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Recruit Firefighter Program.
- Firefighter I Certification

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

This is a priority selection course: Applicants who have completed the MFA's Firefighter I Training Program will receive priority. All applicants will be responded to in writing.

Class Hours: 7

OEMS Credits: 7

Course Number:
200-166-290 Session B

Date/Time:
Feb. 27, 2008
0800-1600

Location:
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Course Number:
200-166-290 Session A

Date/Time:
Mar. 10, 2008
0800-1600

Location:
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Course Number:
200-166-290 Session C

Date/Time:
Apr. 5, 2008
0800-1600

Location:
Springfield Training Academy
100 Grochmal Ave
Springfield, MA

Course Number:
200-166-290 Session D

Date/Time:
Apr. 12, 2008
0800-1600

Location:
Barnstable County Training Facility
Mary Dunn Road
Barnstable, MA

VEHICLE EXTRICATION

This multimedia program is a programmed lesson plan with interaction between the students and the instructor(s) teaching the course. The program will also be updated to keep abreast of new techniques, hazards, and other relative information as it is available to the development program.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: 12

Course Number:
200-019-122 Session A

Date/Time:
Mar. 29 & 30, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Seekonk Fire Dept.
170 County Street
Seekonk, MA



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Fire Officer Programs

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CHIEF FIRE OFFICER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Chief Fire Officer Management program is presented in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute for Governmental Services and has been designed to address all of the objectives in NFPA 1021 for Fire Officer III and IV. The major topic areas include:

- Leadership and the Chief Officer Basic Administrative Skills
- Human Resource Management Fire Prevention and Life Safety Programs
- Administrative Structures Supervision and Management
- Community and Government Relations Emergency Services Delivery
- Basic Communication Skills Logic, Ethics and Decision Making
- Administrative Programs Comprehensive Safety and Health Programs
- Emergency Services Delivery

Presenters from both the public and private sectors with an expertise in the particular subject areas will deliver this program. The information covered and case histories will be pertinent to Massachusetts municipal operations. The *IFSTA Chief Officer second edition* is the text that will be used and provided to each student on the first day.

The participant will be required to do considerable out of class preparation in advance of each class to maximize their understanding of the course materials. Weekly quizzes will be administered and a passing grade of 70% is required to receive a completion certificate.

Prerequisites: Student must be at least ICS 300 qualified.

This is a priority selection program.

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and the following priority selection will be used:

- Priority 1 Chief Administrators/ Chiefs of Department
- Priority 2 Chief Officers
- Priority 3 Acting Chief Officers
- Priority 4 Company Officers
- Priority 5 ICS 300

Course Completion Requirement:

Students must have 100% participation in all thirteen sessions, achieve a grade of at least 70% on quizzes, and must complete a 5-10 page work-related paper to receive their certificate of completion.

Application Process: Complete a copy of the DFS/MFA student application and attach the following:

- An organizational chart showing all department positions and indicating the applicant's current position;

- A typed one page statement of why the applicant should be accepted into the program;
- A list of the national certifications the applicant currently holds.

Course Number:
200-032-331 Session A

Date/Time:
Sept. 11, 18 & 25, 2008
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2008
Nov. 6, 13 & 20, 2008
Dec. 4 & 11, 2008
0900-1600

(Note: Dec 18, is scheduled as a make-up day in the event of inclement weather)

Location:
UMass Donahue Institute
333 South Street
Shrewsbury, MA

Application Deadline:
All application packets must be received at the academy by 1700 hours on Friday, August 1, 2008.

Dress Code:
Casual business attire (shirts with collars; slacks and dress jeans)

FIRE OFFICER 1 - BLENDED E-LEARNING

Fire Officer 1 training is an important stepping stone to your future as a fire officer in our state. This program is equivalent to the traditional classroom program with 50% less time and travel investment. You will take 50% of your class from home using highly interactive CD-based training and a minimum of a dial-up Internet connection. After taking this part of the class on-line, the skills and activities such as group discussion and tactics will be provided in a traditional class environment. Your instructor will monitor your progress at all times and you will be able to share your efforts and projects with fellow students by e-mail. You will also participate in 30 hours of traditional class where you can share your experience and knowledge with other students. We believe that this new initiative will suit the needs of many new fire officers in the state. The class will be given the same credit as the traditional one but will involve less time away from work and home.

Prerequisites: None. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to the class.

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 60 (Combination of on-site classroom & internet class from home)

OEMS Credits: 28

Course Number:

200-021-321 Session A

Date/Time:

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 & Mar. 1, 2008
0845-1530

Location:

Oxford Fire Dept.
181 Main Street
Oxford, MA

Course Number:

200-021-321 Session B

Date/Time:

Feb. 29, Mar. 7 & 14, 2008
Mar. 21 & 28, 2008
0845-1530

Location:

Greenfield Fire Department
412 Main Street
Greenfield, MA

FIRE OFFICER II

This two-week (60) hour program will take the company officer to the next level of leadership. Upon completion, students will have a better understanding of the following topics: managing personnel, fire ground operations, NIMS, code enforcement, public speaking and CISD. This program will also prepare the student for Fire Officer III.

Prerequisites: Fire Officer I Blended E-Learning, Fire Officer I, Fire Officer Supervisory Training and Instructor Methodology I. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to class.

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 60

OEMS Credits: 28

Course Number:

200-021-318 Session A

Date/Time:

Apr. 22 thru 25, 2008
Apr. 29 thru May 1, 2008
May 6 thru 8, 2008
0830-1600

Location:

Hudson Fire Dept.
296 Cox Street
Hudson, MA

FIRE OFFICER TACTICAL TRAINING

This three day practical program is a follow-up to the Fire Officer I program (FO I, is a prerequisite for this class). Designed specifically to give graduates the opportunity to put into practice what they have learned in Fire Officer I (commanding single & multiple company operations in emergency situations). Day one students will review basic fire ground operations. Students will spend days 2 & 3 in the burn building applying their leadership skills in commanding companies during live burns.

Prerequisites: Fire Officer Supervisory Training (FOST); Fire Officer I Blended E Learning or Fire Officer I Skills Development. This is a priority selection course. All

applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to the class.

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

Class Hours: 18

OEMS Credits: 18

Course Number:

200-021-339 Session A

Date/Time:

Mar. 24, 26 & 31, 2008
0800-1600

Location:

DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA



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Flammable Gas Training Programs

Coordinator, Richard Swartz 978-567-3211

BASIC LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)

This eight-hour course is designed to allow the students to get an introduction to liquefied natural gas (LNG), how to control it, and how to extinguish it if it becomes ignited. The class is both classroom and hands-on in the same day. The ability to handle propane emergencies is discussed starting with the properties of the product and how they influence the gas' behavior. Transportation, storage and use of propane as well as meters and their use in gas emergencies are reviewed. Hands-on exercises will consist of controlling or extinguishing leaks and fires involving LNG are reviewed. This class is a prerequisite for taking the Advanced LNG course.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

Class Hours: 8

OEMS Credit: 8

Course Number:
200-229-414 Session A

Date/Time:
Apr. 28, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

COMMAND AND CONTROL OF GAS EMERGENCIES

Command and Control of Gas Emergencies is an 8-hour program designed for the fire officer or firefighter who might be in charge of an emergency call that involves liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), or natural gas. This classroom program identifies the properties of these gases as well as the components of the gas distribution system. Using classroom lecture and interactive scenarios the students learn simple procedures for safely handling gas emergencies.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 8

OEMS Credits: 8

Course Number:
200-224-411 Session B

Date/Time:
Feb. 15, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Norfolk Public Library
139 Main Street
Norfolk, MA

Course Number:
200-224-411 Session A

Date/Time:
Feb. 27, 2008
0800-1630

Location:
Marlborough Fire Headquarters
215 Maple Street
Marlborough, MA

BASIC PROPANE

This eight-hour course is designed to allow the students to get an introduction into what propane is, how to control it, and how to extinguish it if it becomes ignited. The course is both classroom and hands-on in the same day. The ability to handle propane emergencies is discussed starting with the properties of the product and how they influence the gas' behavior. Transportation, storage and use of propane as well as meters and their use in gas emergencies are reviewed. Hands-on exercises will consist of controlling leaks or extinguishing propane fires. This class is a prerequisite for taking the advanced propane course.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

Class Hours: 8

OEMS Credit: 8

Course Number:
200-229-416 Session A

Date/Time:
Jun. 18, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA



FLAMMABLE GAS FIREFIGHTER TRAINING: CLASSROOM

This course is designed to provide students with knowledge of the general properties of flammable gases to include a working knowledge of the effects of temperature and pressure on firefighting efforts. Classroom theory is day one (Course # 401) and day two (Course # 402) is the practical application of firefighting evolutions based on actual gas equipment and situations. Students applying must successfully complete the classroom portion of the course prior to acceptance into the practical session. Safety considerations require that a minimum of 18 students be enrolled in this 6-hour course.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 6

OEMS Credit: 6

Course Number:
200-229-401 Session A

Date/Time:
May 6 & 8, 2008
1830-2130

Location:
Spencer Fire Dept.
11 Dewey Street
Spencer, MA



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FLAMMABLE GAS FIREFIGHTER TRAINING: PRACTICAL

Day two (practical session) of the two-day flammable gas program that must be attended during the same semester as day one. As part of the two-day program the practical portion is designed to provide students with hands on experience and a working knowledge of the effects of temperature and pressure as they relate to firefighting evolutions using actual gas equipment.

Prerequisites: Must complete classroom portion (Course # 401). Students attending the practical session must bring their SCBA and one spare air cylinder. **This course requires the use of a full-face shield with turnout gear and SCBA. Goggles are not acceptable.**

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A, B, D & E.

Class Hours: 6

OEMS Credit: 6

Course Number:
200-229-402 Session A

Date/Time:
May 15 & 20, 2008
1800-2100

Location:
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Hazardous Materials & Counter-Terrorism Programs

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Assistant Coordinator, Gordon Diotalevi 978-567-3209

Assistant Coordinator, Robert Zalewski 978-567-3254

COUNTER-TERRORISM OPERATIONAL PROGRAM

This course is designed for first responders as defined in Homeland Security Presidential Decision Directive 8 (HSPD-8). The program is derived from Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) material, unclassified and open-source information, and the International Association of Fire Fighters hazardous materials training materials.

The program explores threat development, incident recognition, protective actions, and specific response considerations. The focus is directed at two main themes: 1) survival of all responders, and 2) rendering the optimal care and service to the victims, while operating within the level of training of the individual. At the completion of the course, the students leave with a thorough understanding of the complexities of a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) incident, and how to favorably affect the outcome of such an event.

Prerequisites: First Responders/Receivers

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 6

OEMS Credits: 6

Course Number:
200-070-239 Session A

Date/Time:
May 22, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Springfield Training Academy
100 Grochmal Ave
Springfield, MA

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DECONTAMINATION

This 8-hour course is designed to provide emergency response personnel with an understanding of basic decontamination principles. This course will include: reasons and need for decontamination; equipment and personnel necessary to perform decontamination; procedures for set up and placement of a decontamination corridor; techniques used to perform decontamination operations; discussion of the interface between fire departments and the Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Regional Response teams in the area of coordinating decontamination operations. Students are expected to participate in extensive hands-on decontamination practical skills exercises. Students must provide their own turnout equipment.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 8

OEMS Credits: 8

Course Number:
200-070-208 Session B

Date/Time:
May 2, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Chelsea Fire Dept.
307 Chestnut Street
Chelsea, MA

Course Number:
200-070-208 Session A

Date/Time:
May 10, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Springfield Training Academy
100 Grochmal Ave
Springfield, MA

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – FIRST RESPONDER OPERATIONAL

The purpose of this course is to educate firefighters about basic strategies to safeguard their health and safety when their work involves potential exposure to hazardous materials. This 24-hour program includes classroom lecture, video and slides on topics ranging from health and safety, recognition and identification, to basic principles of chemistry. Several case histories and exercises are included to enhance interaction and emphasize the importance of the program.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 24

OEMS Credits: 24

Course Number:
200-070-207 Session A

Date/Time:
Apr. 8, 10, 15 & 17, 2008
1800-2200
Apr. 19, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Auburn Fire Dept. Station 2
7 West Street
Auburn, MA

Course Number:
200-070-207 Session B

Date/Time:
Apr. 9 & 23, 2008
1800-2200
Apr. 26 & 27, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Hopedale Fire Headquarters
40 Dutcher Street
Hopedale, MA

Impact Programs

Coordinator, Bill Miller 978-567-3257

Assistant Coordinator, Don Jasmin 978-567-3257

Arson Awareness

This short program is designed to give all firefighters a quick overview on fire behavior, scene preservation, observation and signs of arson, and some legal aspects of reporting the information.

Course Number -444 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Fall 2004

Automatic Sprinkler Systems

This 3-hour slide and lecture presentation is designed to familiarize firefighters with the component parts of an automatic sprinkler system. It describes different types of sprinkler systems and identifies factors resulting in excessive fire damage to sprinklered buildings.

Course Number -426 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Fall 2005

Common Emergencies

This new program has been designed to give firefighters an overview of calls that they deal with on an everyday basis; such as electrical emergencies, heating problems, natural gas problems, water leaks, vehicle fires, kitchen, bedroom, and trash fires. Also included are carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarm system activations and issues.

Course Number -429 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Fall 2006

Confined Space Rescue Awareness

This program is intended to help firefighters realize the acute dangers involved in these types of specialized rescue incidents. The presentation stresses safety and self-preservation.

Course Number -447 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Spring 2006

Defensive Driving to Die For (POV)

This 3-hour program is designed to give firefighters an overview of all safety aspects when responding to calls in their personal vehicles.

Course Number -443 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Spring 2005

Fire Emergency Operation (FEO) 3502:

This program is designed to familiarize fire personnel with the safe operation of elevators equipped with the fire service key – the “3502” key.

Course Number -428 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Fall 2006

Fire Attack

This program is designed to familiarize fire personnel with the principals of modern structural fire combat, including line selection, attack modes, and hydraulic ventilation.

Course Number -433 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Spring 2005

Foam

This program is designed to increase firefighter awareness and ability in the use of Class A and B “Firefighting Foam”. Emphasis is placed on the host department’s needs with specific discussion of foam concentrate types and how they work, correct methods of mixing, necessary equipment, how to fight fires with foam, hazardous materials as they relate to the use of foam and equipment maintenance.

Course Number -430 - Revised Fall 2007

Lightweight Construction

This program is designed to give the firefighter an inside look at today’s lightweight construction trends. It shows the type of buildings being built in today’s society and the dangers they present to the fire service. The course also will discuss some tactics and strategy for attack.

Course Number 069-448 –OEMS credits: 3 – Program New Fall 2006

Meters

This program is designed to increase firefighter awareness of basic meter operation in use today. The program gives the firefighter the knowledge of what the meter is set up to read, what the results of atmosphere tests show, and what actions to take to secure the scene.

Course Number -449 – OEMS credits: 3 - New Fall 2006

Natural Gas/Propane Awareness

This program is designed to give fire personnel some guidelines to use when responding to reported gas emergencies. The concentration in this program centers upon the use of Combustible Gas Indicators (CGI), and wearing of SCBA and protective clothing. The program has been developed in cooperation with the local gas company.

Course Number -431 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Fall 2006

Roadway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel

Emergency service organizations respond to a wide variety of incidents involving operations on or near roadways. These operations pose special risks to personnel performing fire, rescue, and EMT functions. This presentation provides an understanding of the elements of a safe work zone; recognition of the potential and existing hazards while operating on or near a highway, an understanding of the need for personal protective equipment and for multi-agency incident command.

Course Number -446 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Spring 2006

Safety for the Firefighter

This program is designed to impress upon firefighters the importance of safety in quarters and at drills, while operating apparatus, and when using tools as well as during actual firefighting operations. As in all academy programs, wearing proper protective clothing and the use of SCBA is stressed.

Course Number -434 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Spring 2005

Structural Hazards

This program is designed to give fire service personnel some insight into structural hazards they may encounter. The presentation will make firefighters more aware of common building defects in old as well as new construction.

Course Number -435 – OEMS credits: 3 – Program Revised Spring 2005

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Fire Service Instructor Training

Coordinator Joseph Guarnara 978-567-3258

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I

The course "Fire Instructor I" will be conducted for all fire service personnel interested in learning how to deliver instructional modules from prepared materials. The subjects covered range from the psychology of learning to the correct use of audio/visual instructional aids. The program consists of 36 hours of classroom time. There is considerable out-of-class reading as preparation. Individual presentations and written examinations will be graded. This course tracks the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1041 Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications. Successful completion of this course satisfies one requirement for becoming a Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructor. The last day allows pre-qualified students the opportunity to take the written portion of the Fire Instructor I certification examination.

Prerequisites: None. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to course.

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 36

OEMS Credits: 28

Course Number:

200-115-354 Session B

Date/Time:

Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19 & 25, 2008
0800-1700

Location:

Rutland Fire Dept.
240 Main Street
Rutland, MA

Course Number:

200-115-354 Session C

Date/Time:

Apr. 7, 8, 14, 15 & 21, 2008
0800-1700

Location:

Hudson Fire Dept.
296 Cox Street
Hudson, MA



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FIRE INSTRUCTOR II

Fire Instructor II will be conducted for all fire service personnel interested in learning how to develop a lesson plan from a given topic. The subjects covered will include elements of a lesson plan, components of learning objectives and characteristics of students. The student is given the opportunity to modify an existing lesson plan so that the job requirement for the topic is achieved. The program consists of five training days and out of class reading and preparation. This course tracks the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1041 Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications. The student must show proof of successful completion of Instructor Methodology #1; the student does NOT have to be Instructor I certified.

Prerequisites: Fire Instructor I. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing two weeks prior to the course.

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 36

OEMS Credits: None

Course Number:

200-115-363 Session A

Date/Time:

May 12, 13, 19, 20 & 26, 2008
0800-1700

Location:

Wakefield Fire Dept.
531 Lowell Street
Wakefield, MA

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Trench Rescue Awareness

This program is intended to help the firefighter realize the acute dangers involved in these types of specialized rescue incidents. The presentation stresses safety and self-preservation.

Course Number -427 –

OEMS credits: 3 –

Program Revised Spring 2006

Vehicle Fires

This program is designed to familiarize firefighters with potential hazards encountered in vehicle fires. The vehicle fires program has been expanded to include more information on the life safety hazards associated with fighting fires in automobiles, buses, wheelchair vans and commercial vehicles. Wearing proper gear and proper tactics are stressed.

Course Number -436 – OEMS

credits: 3 – Revised Fall 2007

Fire Investigation Programs

Coordinator, Jason Gilliland
978-567-3252

Assistant Coordinator,
Patrick O'Sullivan
978-567-3252

ADVANCED FIRE INVESTIGATION

The goal of the Advanced Fire Investigation course is to advance the team concept of fire investigation by training together. Students will have the opportunity to work together investigating a fire, gathering evidence, documenting evidence and presenting evidence in a courtroom setting. Some of the topics covered are: legal presence on the fire scene, sources of information for motive development both on and off the fire scene, fire scene examination, generation of reports and court testimony.

Prerequisites: Basic Fire Investigation. This is a priority selection course. All applicants will be responded to in writing. It is strongly recommended that both a firefighter and a police officer from the community apply as a unit. (Past participation by a firefighter and/or police officer in your community will satisfy this requirement.)

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Fire Investigation Application.

Class Hours: 48

OEMS Credits: 8

Course Number:
200-038-501 Session A

Date/Time:
May 12, 13, 14 & 15
May 26 & 27, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Hudson Fire Headquarters
296 Cox Street
Hudson, MA

Technical Rescue Programs

Coordinator, Mark McCabe 978-567-3214

Assistant Coordinator, Tom Rinaldo 978-567-3214

BASIC CONFINED SPACE RESCUE

This program is designed to familiarize firefighters with the many hazards encountered in confined space rescue operations, and better prepare them to make the proper hazard and risk assessments. This program will introduce the rescuer to the equipment and extraction techniques necessary for both internal and external rescue procedures and also explain the role of the fire department as it pertains to OSHA 29 CFR 1910-146 PERMIT REQUIRED CONFINED SPACES FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY; FINAL RULE.

Prerequisites: Previous rope rescue training is strongly recommended.

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B. All applicants should also submit documentation of prior rope rescue training.

Class Hours: 18

OEMS Credits: 18

Course Number:
200-196-301 Session A

Date/Time:
Apr. 25, 2008
1600-2300
Apr. 26 & 27, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Rehoboth Fire Dept.
334 Anawam Street
Rehoboth, MA

Course Number:
200-196-301 Session B

Date/Time:
Jun. 20, 2008
1600-2300
Jun. 21 & 22, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Clinton Fire Dept.
555 Main Street
Clinton, MA

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEMS FOR STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE INCIDENTS

This course describes the aspects of a structural collapse. It explains the basic command procedures and ICS organizational structure; identifies various resource levels, types and capabilities used for structural collapse incidents; identifies critical factors and issues that affect scene management; describes all response operations phases associated with a structural collapse incident; and describes the technical rescue expertise and equipment required for safe operations and effective incident management.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: 12

Course Number:
200-192-535 Session A

Date/Time:
May 12 & 13, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Franklin Fire Dept.
600 King Street
Franklin, MA

ROPE RESCUE: OPERATIONAL LEVEL

This course is designed to give the student considerable "on rope" time, providing the confidence and skills needed to handle basic rope rescues. The program will also prepare the student for the Advanced Rope Rescue course offered by the MFA. The course content is based on consensus dogma that has been obtained from some of the nations leading rescue agencies. This program consists of three six-hour days, which include lecture, demonstration, and practical exercises. Students will be trained to awareness and operational levels addressed in NFPA 1670. Topic areas include rope, knots, harnesses, hardware, basic anchoring methods, belay systems, slope evacuation and descending techniques. This course will provide a solid rope foundation that will be needed in other technical rescue disciplines such as confined space, water, and ice rescue. Students are encouraged to bring an NFPA Class II rescue harness as well as a rescue type helmet, work boots and leather gloves.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 18

OEMS Credits: 18

Course Number:
200-197-303 Session B

Date/Time:
Apr. 15, 16 & 17, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Marblehead Fire Dept.
1 Ocean Ave
Marblehead, MA

Course Number:
200-197-303 Session C

Date/Time:
May 2, 2008
1600-2300
May 3 & 4, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Wareham Fire Dept. Station 2
2368 Cranberry Hwy
Wareham, MA

Course Number:
200-197-303 Session A

Date/Time:
May 19, 20 & 21, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Westfield Fire Dept.
34 Broad Street
Westfield, MA

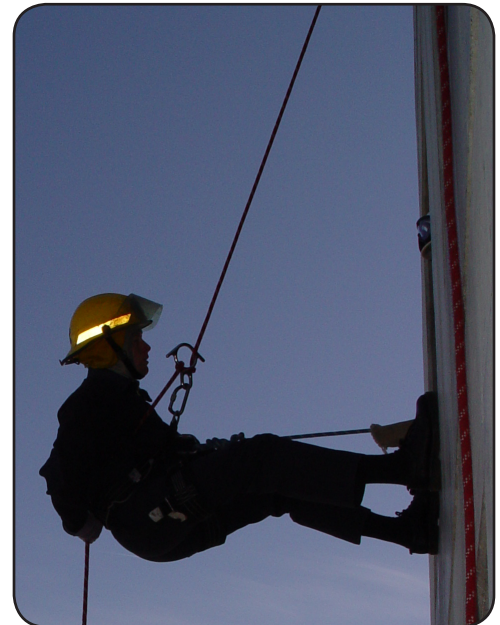


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SURFACE ICE RESCUE

This one day program provides firefighters with the skills necessary to safely effect a rescue utilizing state of the art, nationally recognized techniques in conjunction with equipment specially designed for cold water and ice rescue situations. Topics to be discussed will include techniques used in shore-based rescues as well as those used in "go" rescues.

The program will include information on: ice formation, types of ice, ice strength, ice safety, hypothermia, cold water near drowning, scene evaluation, operational plans, equipment checklists and practical evolutions.

Prerequisites: Students must bring approved ice rescue suits. Students are expected to participate in rigorous hands-on exercises and must be able to swim.

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 8

OEMS Credits: 8

Course Number:
200-195-302 Session A

Date/Time:
Feb 2, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Berkley Fire Dept.
5 North Main Street
Berkley, MA

Course Number:
200-195-302 Session B

Date/Time:
Feb. 9, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Newbury Fire Dept.
25 High Road
Newbury, MA

Course Number:
200-195-302 Session C

Date/Time:
Feb. 19, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Greenfield Fire Dept.
412 Main Street
Greenfield, MA

Course Number:
200-195-302 Session D

Date/Time:
Feb. 23, 2008
0800-1700

Location:
Great Barrington Fire Dept.
20 Castle Street
Great Barrington, MA

SURFACE WATER RESCUE: OPERATIONAL

The primary objectives of this program are: demonstrate the proper techniques in self-rescue when suddenly immersed in moving water and cold water; the use of turnout gear and SCBA in the water; proper techniques for planning and execution of shore based rescues; provide the firefighter a greater sense of competency in dealing with water emergencies; prepare the firefighter for more specialized courses using this course as a prerequisite. Basic Water Rescue consists of a day of classroom presentation and a day of practical evolutions.

Prerequisites: All participants should be in good condition and able to swim.

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 12

OEMS Credits: 12

Course Number:
200-199-304 Session A

Date/Time:
Apr. 2 & 3, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Natick Fire Dept.
22 East Central Street
Natick, MA

Course Number:
200-199-304 Session B

Date/Time:
Apr. 10 & 11, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Lawrence Fire Dept.
65 Lowell Street
Lawrence, MA

TRENCH RESCUE: TECHNICIAN LEVEL

This program is designed to familiarize firefighters with the many hazards encountered in trench rescue operations, and better prepare them to make the proper hazard and risk assessments. The combination of classroom and practical evolutions will introduce the rescuer to the equipment and extraction techniques necessary for the safe removal of the victim while keeping the rescuer safe too. The practical portion will be more realistic by using actual sheeting and shoring operations of "unsafe" trenches in the ground. Students will get the knowledge, skills, and abilities as outlined in NFPA 1006: Standard for Rescue Technician Professional Qualifications.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 24

OEMS Credits: None
(Note: Pending approval).

Course Number:
200-198-308 Session B

Date/Time:
Jun. 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2008
0900-1600

Location:
Everett Fire Dept.
43 Elm Street
Everett, MA

Seminars

Coordinator, Everett Pierce 978-567-3252

SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM IV – Battlefield to the Street, Understanding the Returning Public Safety Veteran

Speaker: Hayden Duggan,
Ed.D. Instructor ICISF

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Course Number:
200-039-672 Session A

Date/Time:
Feb. 14, 2008
1000-1500

Location:
(www.HolidayInn.com)
Boxborough Holiday Inn
242 Adams Place
Boxborough, MA

Lunch: Deli Lunch Buffet
(pre-registration required)

SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM V – Taking the Mystery Out of Foam, Ethanol, & Biofuels

Speaker: James Cottrell, Cottrell Associates, Inc., National Foam Eastern US Factory Agent

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Course Number:
200-039-673 Session A

Date/Time:
Mar. 13, 2008
1000-1500

Location:
(www.HolidayInn.com)
Boxborough Holiday Inn
242 Adams Place
Boxborough, MA

Lunch: Deli Lunch Buffet
(pre-registration required)

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SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM VI – Preventing Command Dysfunction

Speaker: Chief I. David Daniels,
Renton, WA Fire Department

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student
Application, Sections A & B.

Course Number:

200-039-674 Session A

Date/Time:

Apr. 10, 2008
1000-1500

Location:

(www.HolidayInn.com)
Boxborough Holiday Inn
242 Adams Place
Boxborough, MA

Lunch: Deli Lunch Buffet

(pre-registration required)

SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM VII – Realtime Rescue

Speaker: Chief Fred LaFemina,
Battalion Commander, FDNY

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:

Complete DFS/MFA Student
Application, Sections A & B.

Course Number:

200-039-675 Session A

Date/Time:

May 8, 2008
1000-1500

Location:

(www.DevensCommonCenter.
com)
Devens Common Center
31 Andrews Parkway
Devens, MA

Lunch: Deli Lunch Buffet

(pre-registration required)
Cost: \$16.00

Department of Public Health Training Programs

Coordinator Amy Woolwich, RN, BSN 978-567-3225

HOSPITAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT & DECONTAMINATION REFRESHER COURSE #468 AND EMS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT & DECONTAMINATION REFRESHER COURSE #467

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services have developed a *Hospital Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination Refresher* class and an *EMS Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination Refresher* class under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

These programs are presented in Massachusetts's hospitals, fire stations, and private ambulance company sites for all healthcare and emergency medical service (EMS) professionals potentially involved in hazardous materials incidents or public health emergencies requiring the use of personal protective equipment and decontamination. These programs will enable health care and EMS professionals to safely utilize personal protective equipment, acquire decontamination skills, and contribute to decontamination efforts in a coordinated and unified approach with other health care, EMS, and public safety first responders in their region.

At the completion of the program participants will be able to:

- identify hazardous materials within the hospital setting and community;
- identify the basic chemical/physical properties of hazardous materials;
- identify types of agents and/or associated signs/symptoms of exposure;
- identify monitoring/identification equipment and detection methods;
- identify appropriate PPE and demonstrate ability to don/doff PPE safely and correctly;
- decontaminate patients and other medical professionals;
- identify the key components of *Incident Command System for Health Care Providers* instituted

during an incident requiring PPE and decontamination; and

- safely transport decontaminated and/or contaminated patients.

Program Instructors

Health care and fire service professionals teach the program jointly.

Target Audience

The program is designed for all hospital/EMS first responders potentially involved in incidents utilizing personal protective equipment (PPE) and decontamination procedures.

Program Specifics

The course is offered free of charge to all hospital and EMS professionals. The course is 12 hours in length, conducted over two days and includes a lecture component, a hands-on practicum, and a group exercise. All participants must pre-register via the Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Scheduled courses can be viewed at the Department of Fire Services web site at www.mass.gov/dfs under training and scheduled courses.

Ten hours of nursing contact hours and twelve hours of OEMS credits are offered for this program and an MFA certificate of completion is issued at course completion.

Location and Logistics

We will bring the program to your facility. We request that you arrange for participants to obtain beverages and lunch.

Please assign a hospital contact person to work with the course coordinator.

Program Dates

The program is generally booked 30 to 90 days in advance.

HOSPITAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM 200 PROGRAM COURSE #469

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services have developed a *Hospital Incident Command System 200* program under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This course is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS) and focuses on the management of single resources. The incorporation of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) Hospital Incident Command IV (HICS-IV) into the Federal Emergency Management's ICS-200 curricula provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS. This course is NIMS compliant.

The training is comprised of the following content:

- Unit 1: Course Overview
- Unit 2: ICS and the Emergency Management Program
- Unit 3: Leadership, Management, ICS Review

- Unit 4: Functional Areas and Positions
- Unit 5: Typing, HICS Scenarios & Guides
- Unit 6: Incident Management, Transfer of Command and Briefings
- Unit 7: Course Summary

Program Instructors

Health care and fire service professionals teach the program jointly.

Target Audience

The primary target audience is hospital administrators, managers & department heads, physicians, nurses, other key personnel, and students preparing for a healthcare career, as well as other hospital personnel at the supervisory level.

Program Specifics & Prerequisite

The course is offered free of charge to all facilities and participants. It is a 12-hour, two-day course, and includes both a lecture component and group exercise component. The prerequisite for all participants is *Incident Command System for Health Care Providers* (or equivalent) and must pre-register

with the Department of Fire Services. Scheduled courses can be viewed at the Department of Fire Services web site at www.mass.gov/dfs under training and scheduled courses.

Ten nursing contact hours and twelve hours of OEMS credits are offered for this program and an MFA certificate of attendance will be issued at course completion.

Location and Logistics

We will bring the program at your facility. The training room should be conducive to breakout groups. We request that you arrange for participants to obtain beverages and lunch.

Please assign a contact person to work with the course coordinator.

Program Dates

The program is generally booked a minimum of 30 days to 90 days in advance.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM COURSE #471

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services have developed an *Incident Command System for Public Health* program under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The program provides local boards of health and their community partners in Massachusetts with an emergency management tool that promotes a unified statewide response in the event of a public health emergency, hazardous materials incident or terrorist event. The program offers many advantages including a logical management structure, defined responsibilities, clear reporting channels, flexibility, common language and is NIMS compliant. The overall goal is to promote a standardized competency-based tool for local boards of health and their community emergency partners to respond to any "all-hazards" incident.

The program objectives are to:

- identify ICS and its effectiveness in public health;

- utilize ICS and Unified Command in public health all-hazards incidents;
- utilize an ICS instrument including key characteristics, roles and responsibilities;
- promote agency & interagency cooperation, coordination and communication at all-hazards incident;
- integrate into ICS-HCP during a mock incident; and
- identify ICS-HCP elements to coordinate an "all-hazards" incident response.

Program Instructors:

Health care and fire service professionals teach the program jointly.

Program Specifics:

The course is offered free of charge to all facilities and participants. It is a six-hour, one-day course, and includes both a lecture component and group exercise component. All participants must pre-register with the Department of Fire Services. First responders from other hospitals may attend any hospital training, on a space available basis.

Scheduled courses can be viewed at the Department of Fire Services web site at www.mass.gov/dfs under training and scheduled courses.

Five nursing contact hours and six hours of OEMS credits are offered for this program and an MFA certificate of completion will be issued at course completion.

Location and Logistics:

We will bring the program to your facility. We request that you arrange for participants to obtain beverages and lunch. Please assign a contact person to work with the course coordinator.

Program Dates:

The program is generally booked a minimum of 30 days in advance.

EMS INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEMS & HAZARDOUS AWARENESS PROGRAM #472

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services have developed a one-day program on *Incident Command System and Hazardous Materials Awareness (EMS ICS-HMA)* for Emergency Medical Service professionals under a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The program will be conducted in fire stations and private ambulance company sites for emergency medical service professionals. The program will provide hazardous materials awareness and Incident Command System training to enable emergency medical service providers to respond to a hazardous materials incident or public health emergency safely and in a coordinated and unified approach with other emergency responders in the community.

At the completion of the program participants will be able to:

- identify hazardous materials in the pre-hospital environment;
- identify types of agents and/or associated signs/symptoms of exposure;
- identify the basic chemical/physical properties of hazardous materials;
- identify monitoring/identification equipment and detection methods; and
- identify key components of the Incident Command System.

Program Instructors:

Emergency medical service, fire service, and health care professionals will teach the programs.

Target Audience:

The program is designed to prepare all emergency medical service professionals, including fire service, private service and third service providers, for hazardous materials, decontamination, or public health emergency incidents.

Program Specifics:

Day one, ICS-HMA, is six hours in length and precedes the two-day EMS PPE/Decon program. The course is offered free of charge to all emergency medical service professionals. All participants must pre-register via the Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and will be priority selected.

Office of Emergency Medical Services education credits will be offered for both programs and certificate of attendance will be issued at the completion of each course.

Location and Logistics:

We will bring the program at your facility. We request that you arrange for participants to obtain beverages and lunch. Please assign a contact person to work with the course coordinator.

Program Dates:

The program is generally booked a minimum of 30 days to 90 days in advance.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND DECONTAMINATION PROGRAM #498 & #473

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services have developed a *Hospital Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination* class and an *EMS Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination* class under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

These programs are presented in Massachusetts's hospitals, fire stations, and private ambulance company sites for all healthcare and emergency medical service (EMS) professionals potentially involved in hazardous materials incidents or public health emergencies requiring the use of personal protective equipment and decontamination. These programs will enable health care/EMS professionals to safely utilize personal protective equipment, acquire decontamination skills in their setting, and contribute to decontamination efforts in a coordinated and unified approach with other health care, EMS, and public safety first responders in their region.

At the completion of the program participants will be able to:

- identify hazardous materials within the hospital setting and community;
- identify the basic chemical/physical properties of hazardous materials;
- identify types of agents and/or associated signs/symptoms of exposure;
- identify monitoring/identification equipment and detection methods;
- identify appropriate PPE and demonstrate ability to don/doff PPE safely and correctly;
- decontaminate patients and other medical professionals;
- identify the key components of Incident Command System for Health Care Providers instituted during an incident requiring PPE and decontamination; and
- safely transport decontaminated and/or contaminated patients.

Program Instructors:

Health care and fire service professionals teach the program jointly.

Target Audience:

The program is designed for all hospital/EMS first responders potentially involved in incidents utilizing PPE and decontamination.

Program Specifics:

The course is offered free of charge to all hospitals and EMS professionals. The course is 12 hours in length, conducted over two days and includes a lecture component, a hands-on practicum, and a group exercise. All participants must pre-register via the Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Scheduled courses can be viewed at the Department of Fire Services web site at www.mass.gov/dfs under training and scheduled courses.

Ten hours of nursing contact hours and 12 hours of OEMS credits are offered for this program and an MFA certificate of attendance is issued at course completion.

Location and Logistics:

We will bring the program to your facility. We request that you arrange for participants to obtain beverages and lunch.

Please assign a hospital contact person to work with the course coordinator.

Program Dates:

The program is generally booked 30 to 90 days in advance.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PROGRAM #497

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services have developed an *Incident Command System for Health Care Providers* program under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The program provides standardized incident management training for health care providers, primarily in the hospital setting and promotes a coordinated and unified community response to hazardous materials incidents, terrorist event, or public health emergency.

The program objectives are to:

- promote an increased understanding of the ICS for Health Care Providers;
- gain an understanding of an ICS instrument;
- identify the ICS elements necessary to coordinate response activities at any "all-hazards" incident;
- understand the special considerations affecting ICS in the health care environment;
- promote a coordinated and unified community response by health care providers in the event of an incident requiring the initiation of incident command; and
- understand incident command transition considerations.

Program Instructors:

Health care and fire service professionals teach the program jointly.

Target Audience:

The target audience is health care providers, designated as first responders in the hospital setting, including nurses, nurse managers, advanced practice nurses, physicians, physician assistants, emergency department technicians, staff educators, safety directors, department heads, administrators and support staff.

Program Specifics:

The course is offered free of charge to all facilities and participants. It is a six-hour, one-day course, and includes both a lecture component and group exercise component. All participants must pre-register with the Department of Fire Services. First responders from other hospitals may attend any hospital training, on a space available basis. Scheduled courses can be viewed at the Department of Fire Services web site at www.mass.gov/dfs under training and scheduled courses.

Five nursing contact hours and six hours of OEMS credits are offered for this program and an MFA certificate of attendance will be issued at course completion.

Location and Logistics:

We will bring the program to your facility. We request that you arrange for participants to obtain beverages and lunch. Please assign a contact person to work with the course coordinator.

Program Dates:

The program is generally booked a minimum of 30 days to 90 days in advance.

MFIRS

Coordinator Derryl Dion 978-567-3382

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM

The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) training is designed to teach firefighters the system of reporting and its requirements.

Fire chiefs are encouraged to send two or more members to one of these training sessions so that each department can gain a critical understanding of how MFIRS works and how the data is and may be used. Students will also learn of any new updates to the system.

Fire departments using this training as a train-the-trainer may obtain training materials by contacting the MFIRS Coordinator.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process: Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B

Class Hours: 4

OEMS Credits: 4

Course Number:

200-000-613 Session A

Date/Time:

Feb. 5, 2008
0900-1300

Location:

DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Course Number:

200-000-613 Session B

Date/Time:

Mar. 20, 2008
0900-1300

Location:

Wellesley Fire Dept.
457 Worcester Street
Wellesley, MA

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Public Education

Coordinator, Mark Armstrong 978-567-3387

PUBLIC FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator is a 40-hour program designed to provide a community with the basis for a solid public education program. This course is best suited for a department's lead instructor or members of those communities who have not previously participated in this training. This class will be filled on a first come, first served basis with preference given to communities who have received a S.A.F.E. grant.

Prerequisites: None

Application Process:
Complete DFS/MFA Student Application, Sections A & B.

Class Hours: 40

EMS Credits: 24

Course Number:
200-271-601 Session A

Date/Time:
Apr. 3, 4, 10, 11 & 18, 2008

Location:
Bourne Fire Dept.
Meetinghouse Lane
Bourne, MA



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Certification

Coordinator, Robert Rand 978-567-3223

Assistant Coordinator, Michael Morrissey 978-567-3223

Administrative Assistant, Julie Kilbride 978-567-3228

FIREFIGHTER I & FIREFIGHTER II (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section three for details.)

First Offering:

Examination Date: February 21, 2008

Application Deadline:
February 7, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Apr. 18, 2008

Application Deadline: Apr. 4, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: Jun. 12, 2008

Application Deadline: May 29, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

FIREFIGHTER I/II (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section three for details.)

First Offering:

Examination Date: February 21, 2008

Application Deadline:
February 7, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Apr. 18, 2008

Application Deadline: Apr 4, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: Jun. 12, 2008

Application Deadline: May 29, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

FIRE INSPECTOR I

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section three for details.)

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Mar. 19, 2008

Application Deadline: Mar. 5, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00
(both exams)

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Examinations and Times:
"GENERAL" 0900 Hours
"LAWS & REGULATIONS"
1300 Hours

Third Offering:

Examination Date: May 19, 2008

Application Deadline: May 5, 2008

Examination Fee: \$30.00
(both exams)

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Examinations and Times:
"GENERAL" 0900 Hours
"LAWS & REGULATIONS"
1300 Hours



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FIRE INSPECTOR II

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section three for details.)
4. Candidates shall furnish proof of certification to the level of Fire Inspector I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

First Offering:

Examination Date: Feb. 21, 2008
Application Deadline: Feb. 7, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00 (both exams)
Examinations and Times: "GENERAL"
09:00 Hours
"LAWS & REGULATIONS" 13:00 Hours
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Apr. 18, 2008
Application Deadline: Apr. 4, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00 (both exams)
Examinations and Times: "GENERAL"
09:00 Hours
"LAWS & REGULATIONS" 13:00 Hours
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering

Examination Date: Jun. 12, 2008
Application Deadline: May 29, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00 (both exams)
Examinations and Times: "GENERAL"
09:00 Hours
"LAWS & REGULATIONS" 13:00 Hours
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section three for details.)
4. Candidates who were appointed to the Massachusetts fire service on or after Jan. 1, 1990 shall furnish proof of certification to the level of Firefighter II (or Firefighter I/II) by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Mar. 19, 2008
Application Deadline: Mar. 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: May 19, 2008
Application Deadline: May 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA



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FIRE INSTRUCTOR II (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section three for details.)
4. Candidates shall furnish proof of certification to the level of Fire Instructor I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

First Offering:

Examination Date: Feb. 21, 2008
Application Deadline: Feb. 7, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Apr. 18, 2008
Application Deadline: Apr. 4, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

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Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
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State Road
Stow, MA

FIRE OFFICER I (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section 3 for details.)

Examination prerequisites:

1. All firefighters must be certified to the level of Firefighter II (or Firefighter I/II) by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.
2. Fire officers appointed to the officer rank of lieutenant, captain, or any chief officer prior to Jan. 1, 1995 and serving in that officer rank at the time of application must submit the "Fire Officer Prerequisite" form completed by the chief of department.

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Mar. 19, 2008
Application Deadline: Mar. 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: May 19, 2008
Application Deadline: May 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA



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FIRE OFFICER II

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section 3 for details.)

Examination prerequisites:

1. All firefighters must be certified to the level of Fire Officer I and Fire Instructor I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

2. Fire officers appointed to the officer rank of lieutenant, captain, or any chief officer prior to Jan. 1, 1995 and serving in that officer rank at the time of application must be certified to the level of Fire Officer I and Fire Instructor I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

3. Fire officers appointed to the officer rank of lieutenant, captain, or any other chief officer prior to Jan. 1, 1995 and serving in that officer rank at the time of application must submit the "Fire Officer Prerequisite" form completed by the chief of department.

First Offering:

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Application Deadline: Feb. 7, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
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State Road
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Second Offering:

Examination Date: Apr. 18, 2008
Application Deadline: Apr. 4, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
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State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: Jun. 12, 2008
Application Deadline: May 29, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

DRIVER OPERATOR-AERIAL (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section 3 for details.)
4. All candidates who were appointed to the Massachusetts Fire service on or after Jan. 1, 1990 shall furnish proof of certification to the level of Firefighter I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Mar. 19, 2008
Application Deadline: Mar. 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: May 19, 2008
Application Deadline: May 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00

Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA



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DRIVER/OPERATOR - PUMPER (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section 3 for details.)
4. All candidates who were appointed to the Massachusetts Fire service on or after Jan. 1, 1990 shall furnish proof of certification to the level of Firefighter I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

Second Offering:

Examination Date: Mar. 19, 2008
Application Deadline: Mar. 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

Third Offering:

Examination Date: May 19, 2008
Application Deadline: May 5, 2008
Examination Fee: \$30.00
Location(s):
DFS/MFA
State Road
Stow, MA

PUBLIC EDUCATOR I (WRITTEN PORTION ONLY)

Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the examination.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED at the time of the examination.
3. Must be a member of the Massachusetts fire service. (See examination application section 3 for details.)
4. All candidates who were appointed to the Massachusetts Fire service on or after Jan. 1, 1990 shall furnish proof of certification to the level of Firefighter I by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council OR received reciprocal credit from either the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Inc. OR the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

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Severe Weather Hotline

The Academy has established a severe weather cancellation phone line.

In the event of severe or inclement weather please call **978-567-3248** for cancellations.

If the Academy must cancel a program for any other reason, every attempt will be made to notify all **PRE-REGISTERED** students.

Please note that all applications must be received two weeks prior to the start of the course by fax 978-567-3229, mail or via on-line registration at www.mass.gov/dfs/mfa. For further information please call 978-567-3200.



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Severe Weather Cancellation

Severe Weather Cancellations Training at Headquarters

Classes scheduled to be conducted at the T. Dustin Alward Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow are cancelled if classes at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High are cancelled due to severe weather. During periods when Lincoln-Sudbury is not in session, (week-ends, school vacations etc.) cancellation notification is the same as for off-site classes. If Lincoln-Sudbury has a delayed opening due to severe weather, classes at the Fire Academy headquarters will begin at the scheduled time (no delay).

Off-Site Training

Classes scheduled to be conducted at other training sites will be cancelled based on local conditions.

Cancellation announcements will be carried on the following radio and television stations:

WBEC.....	AM 1420	Pittsfield
WBEC.....	FM 105.5	Pittsfield
WHYN.....	AM 560	Springfield
WHYN.....	FM 93.1	Springfield
WHDH	AM 850	Boston
WRKO	AM 680	Boston
WCVB.....	Channel 5	Boston
WHDH-TV.....	Channel 7	Boston

Directions

MA Department of Fire Services

From Route 128: Take Route 20 West. Follow Route 20 to the intersection of Route 27 in Wayland. Turn right onto 27 and bear left at first fork (27 North). Follow until Route 27 makes a right toward Maynard. Do not turn right. Continue straight for approximately three miles and DFS will be on your right.

From Route 495 North: Take Exit 25A toward Hudson. At the second traffic light, take a left onto Route 85. Take a right onto Broad Street (first street on right next to Tuck's GMC Trucks.) At the second set of traffic lights, take a right onto Route 62. About 4.5 miles from here, where Route 62 splits left at the Mobil Station, stay straight. DFS will be on your left.

From Route 495 South: Take Route 62 East (Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue half way around the rotary and stay on Route 62 East. About 5 miles from here, where Route 62 splits left at the Mobil Station, stay straight. The Academy will be on your left.

Springfield Fire Training Center

Take Exit 6 off of the Massachusetts Turnpike. Turn left onto Route 291 West. Follow to Exit 5, East Springfield. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Page Boulevard. Follow Page Boulevard to the first traffic light and turn left onto Cadwell Drive. Follow to the end and turn left. Follow road to the traffic lights (approximately 50 yards.) Go straight across the intersection onto Grochmal Avenue. Follow to the training center, which will be on your left.

Barnstable County Fire Training Facility

Coming from off Cape: Take Rt. 495 to Rt. 25, or Rt. 195 to Rt. 25, or Rt. 3 to Rt. 6 (Mid-Cape Highway)

Coming from on Cape: Take Rt. 6 (Mid-Cape Highway)

Once on Rt. 6, take Exit #6. At the bottom of the ramp, turn onto Rt. 132 toward Hyannis. Go to the fourth set of lights and turn left onto Independence Dr. (Sam Diego's on corner). Go to the end of the road and turn right onto Mary Dunn Rd. The first road on the right is South Flint Rock Rd.; that is the driveway.